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Bernal Journal

THE HISTORY AND PURPOSE OF THE BJ

The Bernal Journal is a neighborhood newspaper that covers the entire Bernal Heights community and attempts to bring together the neighbors and the merchants of the area with news and ideas relevant to the area and its relationship to the rest of San Francisco. It is sponsored by the Bernal Heights Association and the Bernal Fund and is funded by yearly subscriptions, donations, and advertising sales. It is a non-profit newspaper that has a possible broad base of participation--with articles and creative contributions accepted from anyone within the Bernal Heights community. All work done on the BJ is voluntary.

The BJ began as an annual issue several years ago and has evolved into a full-sized, four page, bi-monthly newspaper. In the interim the newspaper has gone through several phases. Depleting funds, along with the need to get the current news out, led to the publishing of a limited edition (one legal-sized sheet) for March. But generally the BJ has come out regularly and in some recognizable form.

The purpose of the BJ is 1) to inform the people of Bernal Heights of the news, events & activities, and ongoing life in the neighborhood; 2) to encourage creativity and contribute to various phases of the arts; 3) to educate the people of the public and private services available to them, their relationship and responsibility to their environment, the issues pertinent to their lives in Bernal Heights, and the varied ethnic backgrounds of their neighbors; 4) to make San Francisco aware of Bernal Heights and our activities, projects, news, concerns, issues, and opinions (the newspaper is available to any San Francisco resident or city department that is interested in Bernal Heights); 5) and generally preserve and improve the quality of life on the Hill.

Billie Jones/282-5457

IN MEMORY: JODIE SATAVA

We all will miss Jodie -- those who knew her will miss her help, her cheerfulness, and her energy; those who did not know her should know that there will be an emptiness in this neighborhood without Jodie around working with and for the poor, the lonely, the sick and the powerless. Jodie was always willing to help; she drove people to medical appointments, babysat, organized food parcels for the poor and ill, fought governmental bureaucracy for some, taught skills to many others, cleaned for and nursed the sick, and provided support and companionship to the lonely and depressed. Jodie was the President and source of energy of the Bernal Heights Ladies Club which provided crafts instruction, friendly conversation, a cheerful lunch, and emotional support for its members who were any women interested in attending the meetings. Jodie worked in any way she could to make this a better community and asked for no rewards or recognition. Though she had as many problems as some whom she helped, Jodie never gave up, but continued to give aid to others as she saw need, to the day she died, tragically, on Ellsworth Street.

Ruth Maginnis

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CITY BUDGET CUTS

When city officials keep the budget low, we're all happy; property taxes stay down, and both homeowners and renters benefit. But there's another side to this coin. To cut the budget, services must also be cut or eliminated - services that most of us use at one time or another.

The Board of Supervisors are currently holding hearings on next year's budget to decide where to make cuts, or where to give more money to departments which the Mayor has cut. Several services to Bernal Heights may be affected by these cuts. They include:

Mental Health services - Next year's budget for city mental health services will be \$3.5 million below this year, an 11.2% cut. According to Marjorie DeLuca of the Mental Health division of the Health Dept., this means that the city's alcoholism program will be eliminated, and that district mental health centers will have to cut back services. The district centers may open for only 5-6 hours daily, compared to the present eight, and clients will have to go on a waiting list. Mrs. DeLuca says that if the budget crunch is really bad, the centers may only stay open three days weekly.

In addition, the Mission Mental Health Center, which serves Bernal Heights, is losing a federal grant that pays staff salaries in January, because the city no longer has the money to pay its share of the grant. This could mean that Mission Mental Health will have to close, but Mrs. DeLuca is confident that the center can obtain funds for staff from other sources.

Libraries - The library budget was not cut severely by the Mayor this year, because it has been underfunded for several years. However, the Supervisors may still decide to make cuts. Past budget cuts have created problems for the Bernal branch: few-

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STATUS OF THE BERNAL JOURNAL . I

In March the BJ was threatened with termination. The only revenue for the printing of the BJ came from \$1 yearly subscriptions and occasional donations--both of these areas being less than substantial. The March issue was a legal-sized flyer because of this lack of funds. This smaller size limited the amount of important news and participation the paper could involve. And the uncertain basis with which the issues were being printed made the newspaper less reliable. Also, in the past, we have felt it is important that the newspaper reach as many of the 23,000 residents of the Hill as possible; so it's been distributed at various businesses and shops in the area. This free distribution was an additional printing expense.

Some changes have taken place since March. As of June 1976, there are 385 copies mailed to paid subscribers, 25 more than in March. We will still be printing about 2,500 additional copies that will be left at neighborhood stores. But, starting next issue, at each of these stores there will be a donation jar where people can put a dime or more when they take an issue. And, as you see in this issue, we have begun to sell advertising. This of course should and could be our primary source of revenue. But the problem lies in finding people to sell it. It takes relatively little time and we are offering to pay 10% to anyone collecting for advertising or subscriptions. In addition to donation jars and advertising sales we're initiating, we are still interested in receiving funding from commissions and/or foundations. Again we need people who have some time and energy to pursue the BJ's eligibility.

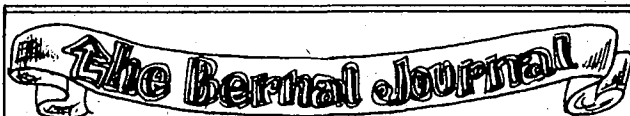
A budget review (below) shows that the balance is satisfactory for our immediate goal of printing the next couple of issues. But with a limited budget we can only do so much and this balance is not sufficient in view of our long term goals. We would like to send one year's free issues to every resident of Bernal Heights in an effort to familiarize the entire Hill with the newspaper and consequently encourage more subscriptions. And finally, we would like to see the BJ become a monthly newspaper so that it could supply more adequate coverage of the news. This would enable the BJ to fulfill its potential for serving the people of Bernal Heights.

Billie Jones/282-5457

ABC LETTERS TO THE EDITOR DEF

The stop signs at Folsom and Bessy and Folsom and Precita Avenues have been replaced with stop lights. This has caused the traffic to literally tear through these intersections... faster than before... The stop signs were most effective because all cars had to make a complete stop. I have been informed by the Traffic Signal Maintenance Dept. that changing the signals to "flashing red" is a simple one hour job. Also we feel a stop sign is needed at Ripley and Folsom and Stoneman and Folsom.. Some have also suggested a bump in the street to slow traffic.

Peter and Danial Castro



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Staff

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Distributing: Tom Duffy
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WANTED:

WANTED. News Editor for the Bernal Journal. Requirements: nose for news, what's happening, curiosity, ability to ask questions, ability to encourage people to write about what they know and think, and, in a pinch, to listen and write about it yourself. Rewards: meet interesting people, find out more about your neighborhood, get experience, and maybe, even, a small monetary compensation if plans to get funding materialize. No experience necessary. Call Pat at 647-3665.

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BUDGET REPORT

Previous Balance	\$ 225
New Subscriptions (@ \$1)	\$ 25
Advertising Sales (25 ads)	\$ 216
Donations (15 individuals)	\$ 90
Expenses (supplies)	(\$ 10)
Printing (8 pages)	(\$ 150)

NEW BALANCE JUNE 1976 \$ 396

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BH Association

AND A NEW YEAR BEGINS FOR BHA

As of this moment I am no longer Editor of the Bernal Journal. I am President of the Bernal Heights Association.

I could never assume such responsibility without the support of many people, several of whom have agreed to be on the Executive Board. Hopefully, we will have the support and help of the entire neighborhood in helping us all to lead a better life, and at a very minimum to see that our present quality of life does not deteriorate.

Myrtle Walker and I will be coordinating the efforts of several committees in the neighborhood. Myrtle has expressed an interest in attending some of the meetings in the neighborhood and downtown. And I will be always especially interested in the Bernal Journal.

Jim Haas is our downtown person, dealing with the other neighborhood groups through the S.F. Coalition of Neighborhoods and with city politics.. Also, he will be corresponding secretary. He feels we need more representation in some of these downtown meetings.

Ruth Pierce has always been a very active neighborhood person, especially in regards to education, and this field holds many opportunities for change. She has plans, goals and dreams of an adult educational center, right here in Bernal Heights.

Cora Cruz will be taking care of public relations. Cora is an especially social person, and sees us having great times in the neighborhood, getting to know each other better. She feels the social aspect of our neighborhood has been neglected, as does

Audrey O'Gilvie, the Director of Brothers and Sisters United. Audrey's goal this year is to get funding for supplies and staff for a year-round pre-school, plus tutoring for elementary school children. Audrey has volunteered her services to the neighborhood for five years. After the last few months, with so much trouble with having a place to work, Audrey needs support and help. She is working closely with the Community Center Committee, co-chaired by Sally Green and Jerry Schimmel.

The Community Center Committee meets the first and third Mon. at 436 Cortland at 8 p.m. and has the very difficult job of finding a place and programs for the center.

Dan Glassoff, as past president, will be helping out on the various committees.

Susan Cervantes is going to try to get the artists of the neighborhood together in an Arts Council. She hopes the artists can help the community by suggesting beautiful, interesting and exciting things for the neighborhood.

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Billie Jones has agreed to be the person who keeps the paper together. she has agreed to keep on doing the art work and lay out for the Bernal Journal. Additionally to take on the responsibility to coordinate the special features, getting the paper printed and to the distributor This issue Billie sold most of the advertising and she especially needs someone to keep this going.

Sandy Gill has been taking care of the subscriptions and mailing. In addition she has agreed to take on the responsibilities of treasurer.

Christine Axelrod has agreed to continue being recording secretary. Additionally she has set herself the task of getting funding from foundations for the Bernal Journal so we can expand and try some new ideas in communication.

Joan Kelly feels one of the things that makes this neighborhood the best place to live is its multi-ethnic make up. She plans to try to involve the whole community in a positive way in the plans for the new Community Center. Additionally she is thinking of focusing on education in relation to the elementary schools.

Mimi Mueller is the person to contact for Park and Recreation. Her committee will be ad hoc, convening when a pertinent issue comes forward.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MAKING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE PLEASE JOIN ONE OF THESE COMMITTEES. For more information, or to join, call Myrtle Walker at 822-3414, weekdays; or 648-7952 during the evenings or weekends.

Pat Helton..647-3665

NEXT

BERNAL HEIGHTS ASSOC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEETING

Everyone is welcome..individuals
or representatives of groups

WEDNESDAY JUNE 9..... 7:30
307 CORTLAND

HOW ABOUT A BERNAL HEIGHTS FAIR?
IT HASN'T HAPPENED FOR A LONG TIME
INTERESTED? CALL US OR COME TO THE
BHA MEETING.

ATTENTION: A R T I S T S !

A Bernal Heights Arts Council is being formed with the cooperation of the Bernal Heights Association. The new Arts Council could provide exciting and varied activities in Bernal Heights such as initiate funding for arts, crafts, cultural and environmental projects. The Council could sponsor cultural festivals, arts workshops and shows, neighborhood beautification projects, and promote jobs for Bernal Heights artists. All Bernal Heights artists are encouraged to participate in the Arts Council and attend a planning meeting at Precita Center, Wednesday June 2, 7:30pm or contact Perry/285-4716 or Ann/826-5979.

BERNAL JOURNAL MEETING JUNE 22, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at 201 Virginia Avenue (corner of Prospect). Meet the staff & exchange ideas about different aspects of the Bernal Journal. Everyone is welcome.

HOW'S YOUR HEALTH

You would be surprised to know all the services available to us at 1525 Silver Avenue. Included are a dental clinic, school physicals, podiatry clinic, health screening clinic, immunization, family planning, pregnancy testing and abortion counseling, cancer screening, and glaucoma screening (an eye test for men and women over 35). Additionally there is a mental health clinic, a bureau of environmental health services (questions about sanitation, animal bites, toxic substances, etc). Also a public health nurse may visit your home to assist you with your problems.

In our own neighborhood there is the Well Baby Clinic which gives free medical examinations and immunizations, at 300 Bennington.

There is Family and Couple Counseling with a special intake time, Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. at Ten 29-th Street...648-1233.

For any of the above you can call 468-3664 for more information. This is the number of the Health Service Center #3 at 1525 Silver.

Also, for free confidential venereal disease exam and treatment for anyone 12 years or older without parental consent contact: 558-3804.

PETITION DRIVE FOR DISTRICT ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS 1976

District Election of Supervisors is of vital importance to us in Bernal Heights. Through a long and involved neighborhood hearing process a District plan has been agreed upon. Bernal Heights with the Engleside, Glen Park and a portion of Diamond Heights makes up District Nine. Potentially, our district will elect a good progressive supervisor. However, in order to have the opportunity to elect our own Supervisor, the District Election Initiative must do two things: 1) qualify for the November 1976 ballot by collecting 23,000 valid signatures on petitions by August 1, 1976; 2) win in November.

Collection of the necessary signatures is critical right now. We have a supply of petitions of 248 Prospect Avenue (285-3188) and will be happy to give a petition(s) to anyone who wants to circulate a petition(s). An initial coordinating meeting for the Bernal Heights campaign will be held on Thursday June 3, at 7:30 P.M. at St. Kevins Church, 704 Cortland, Anderson Street Entrance. There is a lot of work to be done and I believe a lot of fun to be had. We can work together for something that is good not only for Bernal Heights but for all of San Francisco. Please join us.

Mike & Nancy
285-3188

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

...PASS IT ON

TO A FRIEND...

VOTE FURTH, JUNE 8!

"No dilemma whatsoever here. Fred Furth is one of the loudest, and most independent, and most lectern-pounding, and most cantankerous, and most exciting politicians to come around in a long, long time. H.L. Mencken would stock up a bushelbasket of cigars just to watch Furth in action. He's pushing a lot of good issues, he's got enough money that he doesn't have to hedge mightily, and he comes out of a successful antitrust practice with the momentum and the expertise to really take on the corporate strongholds in Sacramento. He's started with the Furth Public Interest Hour (each day he blasts an industry for price-fixing - the first target: eye-glasses) and he is strongly in favor of Proposition 13."

-S.F. Bay Guardian endorsement May 21, 1976

**FRED
FURTH** **DEMOCRAT
FOR STATE
SENATOR**

* CREATIVE PLACES *

BLUE MOTH GALLERY at 402 Cortland is owned by Richard Schroeder, a lithographer with a M.F.A. from the S.F. Art Institute. He teaches lithography at the Gallery--how to draw and print on stone, a printing technique developed over 150 years ago. **BLUE MOTH GALLERY** is also a display place for Schroeder's lithographs as well as work by his students and other artists. Schroeder has renovated an old stables at the back of the premise and created a beautifully equipped studio space. Everyone is welcome to attend an opening show of Schroeder's lithographs June 27, 3-7pm or drop by if interested in taking private instruction in lithography. Eight lessons for \$40.

PANGAEA, a non-profit center for the arts is located across the street from the Bernal Hgts. library at 517 Cortland. **PANGAEA** is having a grand opening on June 5, 8pm with a performance by Ubu, an exploratory music ensemble. There will be additional performances by various musicians every Fri. and Sat. nights. **PANGAEA** requests a tax deductible \$1.50 contribution or any amount you can contribute for the evening of music and participation. A calendar of **PANGAEA** June performances is posted on their storefront.

The **FREE CITY ARTS CENTER** at 605 Cortland presents puppetmaking workshops for people 8-80 years old every Sat. morning from 10-noon. The workshops feature making and using masks, handpuppets, and marionettes.

Ann Lacy

LIBRARY NOTES

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Starting June 14, children will be able to fill the spokes of the cycles in their summer reading booklets with the names of the books they read this summer. Children are encouraged to choose their own directions both in the kinds of books they read and in the ways they report on the books (oral or written, through drawings or crafts, or book discussions with other children.)

For each book read and reported to the children's librarian, the child will receive a circle to decorate and display in the library; the many circles will make patterns of the children's choosing and encourage others to try some of the most enjoyed titles.

Summer reading is a time to share books with the librarian and with other children in Bernal Heights so that more children will find reading that they enjoy to complement other summer activities.

Also, there will be a summer film program for the children. June 24 2 p.m. (ages 4-8) "Friendly Beast Movies"; 4 p.m. (7-12) "Beasts Strange and Weird"... July 28 2 p.m. (4-9) "Make Something Different" (an arts & crafts movie) 4 p.m. (8-12) "A Place of My Own".

Ruth Maginnis

THE JOHN BROWN CENTER

The John Brown Center has recently moved into the old building at the corner of Andover and Cortland, across from the Bernal Library. We offer courses at the Center on a variety of subjects. This session, which started the beginning of March, has classes in Marxism, the Civil Rights Movement, current attacks on our civil rights, skit-writing and art. We also have movies, parties, slideshows, talks, etc. on different subjects. While the center is just getting started in Bernal Hgts., we hope to make our building, our events, and our classes something that everyone in the community can make use of.

We have people at the Center who are involved in different activities, with many different points of view, and we want to make the Center a place where everyone can contribute and share their ideas and experiences. Our building is available to any individuals or groups who want to hold an event or meeting, and we're always happy to talk to anyone who has an idea about an activity they think the community would be interested in.

All our upcoming activities are posted in our window at 461 Cortland. So stop by and see if there's anything you'd be interested in, or stop by the Center on any Sat., when there's usually someone there to talk to. Any questions call Evelyn at 282-9746. See you all there soon!

ADULT PROGRAMS

On JUNE 9, 7:30, six animated films will be shown tending towards the surrealistic. "The Dove", "Stringbean", "Closed Mondays", "Hand", "Hangman", and "Eggs".

On JUNE 23, 7:30, for the silent film buffs, we are showing "Metropolis" (1925), directed by Fritz Lang and starring Gustav Frohlich. The central event of this movie is the rebellion of the slave-like workers against the rulers and bosses of the city/state. The forerunners of this lower city revolution are the son of the head industrialist who has turned again against his father's values and the established system and Maria, the working class girl. The powers in control use devious means to obstruct the rebellion -- even to building a robot that looks like Maria -- in order to mislead the agitated masses. This is truly a film which is of more significance today than when it was first released in Germany.

On JULY 7, 7:30, Mr. Geoff Stewart will present a classical guitar concert at 7:30. He is a student at the S.F. Conservatory of music. He has not yet announced his selections.

Anne Milke

what we can

- JUNE** - Nanny Goat Hill Gallery Painting Show
2 - BH Art Council Planning Meeting
3 - Housing Proposition Discussion Meeting
3 - District Election Coordinating Meeting
5 - Pangaea Grand Opening
8 - Presidential Primary & Proposition Vote
9 - Adult Animated Films, Library
14 - Tutorial Summer Registration, Children
22 - Bernal Journal Meeting
23 - Adult Silent Films, Library
24 - Afternoon Children's Films, Library
26&27 - NWBH Block Club Garage Sale Weekend
27 - Blue Moth Gallery Opening
28-July 2 - Bernal Day Camp, Glen Canyon



SUMMER AT PRECITA CENTER

Summer is coming and the new front doors of Precita Valley Community Center are open to all the folks in the neighborhood. After months of struggle for city funds and long tedious hours of planning and construction, the center has begun a long-awaited process of building rehabilitation - having gone 50 years without - including new doors, steps, fencing and needed odd jobs. We have worked closely with the federally funded Community Design Center who patiently and professionally drew plans and supervised the construction throughout, and the Mission Contractors Association who helped us choose a general contractor. Thanks to these community agencies, poor folks like us can receive professional service we could never afford to pay for.

Next on the reconstruction list is a new kitchen and more workshop rooms to be funded, though after 2 years of many hassles, through the City Art Commission's funds for improvement of neighborhood cultural facilities.

NEW PROGRAMS

This summer the center will be offering a variety of morning and afternoon activities for children 7-13 years, including arts and crafts, music, recreation and field trips. In many of the summer programs, young people hired through the NYC program will be assisting staff in projects such as the free lunch program for neighborhood youths. Also Susan Cervantes, a skilled and dedicated artist, will hold a painting and drawing class every Monday evening, beginning May 17, from 7 to 10 p.m. Bring your colors. There will also be a free women's exercise class.

Continuing programs include karate for adults and teens, free leather crafts workshop for youth, young women's program, video tape project, allstar basketball team, and volleyball games.

Headstart preschool ends June 11 and begins again Sept. 7, Tues.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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JULY - Happy Birthday America!

- 1-Aug.13 - Lincoln High Free Art Program
- 4 - Bicentennial Independence Day
- 7 - Classical Guitar Concert, Library
- 13 - Public Hearing, City Bus Planning
- 15 - Deadline for Submitting Articles to BJ
- 28 - Afternoon Children's Movies, Library

AUGUST - Next Issue of the Bernal Journal
9-11 - Bernal Day Camp, Stern Grove

EVERY

- Mon.Even. - Drawing & Painting Classes
- Wednesday - Park & Rec. Field Trips, Kids
- Sat.Morn. - Puppetmaking Workshop



ER FUN: EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD MURAL WORKSHOP Look out for a 1' on the South elevated wall of Le Conte School overlooks Precita Park. The theme is Family Life and of Mankind. Volunteer residents, amateur and professional artist of Precita Valley, have been working hard on a design. The design has been recently approved by the P.F. Art Commission, so the scaffolding will be going up. The Precita Mural Workshop wishes to extend an invitation to its neighbors to participate in painting. For info and schedule call Susan/285-2287.

SALE DAYS! The Northwest Bernal Heights Block Club is having its second annual-eleven street-garage sale week--will be JUNE 26 & 27 and will consist of hundreds of sales up and down all of the street bordered by 1st, Elsie, Coso, Precita, and Mission. Last year's was extremely successful and this year the NWBH Club is publicizing more than ever. Come join us and see how of your friendly Bernal Heights neighbors.

PROGRAM FOR OUR KIDS At Lincoln High School, Aug 13, 6th - 12th grade. Dance, drama, arts, beginning guitar, vocal music and stage design are included. Students will work toward the production of an melodrama as a bicentennial project. For information call Leah Forbes/664-3352.

ARK DAY CAMP At Glen Canyon June 28 - July 2 and at Stern Grove Aug 9-11. \$5 per week, 8:30-4:30. Contact Dillion for more information: 647-7294.

YMCA Lots of classes this summer such as gymnastics, men's fitness, karate, judo, Hatha Yoga, plus a recreational camp at La Honda and a city camp during the day. The new Senior Citizens Center is now operating. For information on classes call 586-6900.

AT HILL Cooperative Gallery at 3205 Folsom near Precita Park will have a show throughout June with paintings by Theresa Moon. Moon, a member of the cooperative, is showing watercolor and frames in cloth. The gallery will be open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

& SISTERS UNITED New location Bernal's Tutorial: 434 Cortland Ave....It's time for the youth to start looking for summer employment. They should have filled out an application at the E.O.C. on Cortland Ave....The Bernal Tutorial Program has been closed since Feb.9 because of a custody in getting the landlord to complete the new building. All parents who had your pre-school child in the program at 426 Cortland; and any other parent who has a child, call 282-5839 or stop by 307 Cortland to register your child for the summer program. Registration will be from 9am-12, when the center will be officially open. Bernal Hgts. still has hopes for a new multi-service center. A committee of community people meets each 1st and 3rd of the month at 8pm at 436 Cortland, the E.O.C. office. Concerned people of Bernal Hgts. are invited to the meeting to submit your ideas for any program you might want to see in the service center and also have your input on the location for the center. Sally Green is the Chairperson of this committee. Audrey O'Gilvie, Director

SUMMER JOB PROGRAM

The Mayor's Office of Employment and Training, Youth Development Program is once again sponsoring an 8-week summer job program for youth 14 to 18 years old. As in years past, depending on the federal allocation, a number of jobs are divided up amongst the Board of Education, Horizons Unlimited, the Catholic Youth Organization and the remaining percentage, 52% this year, goes to city-Community Based Agencies (CBAs).

Bernal Heights and Outer Mission community people fought hard and won the recognition of the Mayor's Office as a separate district three years ago, thereby being able to receive job slots directly. Our CBA, Community Youth Involvement (CYI) is a coalition of ten youth-serving agencies formed in 1973 as a year-round operation. CYI has been the CBA for the past two years and is the organization through which information on summer jobs and new ideas can be shared and coordinated.

Precita Center and Brothers and Sisters United act as satellites of CYI on the Hill where youth will be working on various projects. All the coalition organizations will be placing youth on job sites in the community. Our area supervisor this year is Raymond Mason and the chairman of CYI is Charles Williams who are both based out of the EOC office at 434 Cortland Ave.

As years go on, community organizations have struggled to establish some kind of leverage on City Hall to insure that our youth have a fair opportunity to work, for fair pay, on a year-round basis. The fruits of our labor are most visible during a short eight-week period when the summer program is operating. Our objective is to establish much-needed employment for youth on a larger scale and for a longer time, a goal that will take continued support from all the parents, neighbors and youth in our community.

PRECITA PARK NEWS

Precita Park is now undergoing a facelift along with Precita Center. Once again after long hard years of work by persistent neighborhood artists, architects and builders, they have succeeded in getting the city and private interests to fund the improvement of the Park. The big digs now scattered at the east end will be filled with an irrigation system, new landscaping and an exciting playground structure will be built. The Park and Rec. Dept. will sponsor field trips on Weds. this summer for children under 12 and there will be a summer director to organize activities including the traditional play mobile once a week.



COMMUNITY GARDENS

Finally, the Banks Street adjunct of Bernal Hill Community Gardens has been started -- the ground has been broken. Deliveries of manure and rice hulls this week; oak shavings and charcoal next week -- wood ashes -- do you have any wood ashes to bring? All the delays are too numerous to mention. Suffice it to say, insurance has been acquired -- and water -- and now the ground is being prepared. You are cordially invited....Anytime. Call 285-9350.

Geoff Brown

GARDENING as DANCE, DRAMA, VISUAL AID, PERFORMING ART + PLAY with the help of FATHER SKY + MOTHER EARTH

An approach to a garden is Religious Dance Drama Ritual. Finding out Ways to move in a garden ---Pacing---

Each step finding its way: Letting a garden show you how to make it with the swells & dips of the land Getting in tune with the plants, with the seasons, with the rhythm that is already there, the beat of the sun & the earth, your own heart + breath, music of the spheres above, movements of the soil beneath, & silence, its rhythm, inside everything.

Going back out we want to bring all the arts--scarecrows + murals but also street operas into the gardens, & we want to bring a garden--perhaps in a train of huge wooden carts--into a street opera. People dressed up as fruits, vegetables and flowers could throw cabbages to the crowd. One cart could actually be a garden, & a huge scarecrow could sit up in the caboose, nodding her head like Mother Earth saying Yes to the whole parade.

Geoff Brown



Issues & Ideas

VOLUNTARY HOUSING REHABILITATION

After the recent R.A.P. controversy an ad hoc group put a petition door to door which opposed the compulsory aspect of R.A.P. but suggested a voluntary loan program. About 85% signed the petition. People felt strongly against the compulsory side of R.A.P., but (and this is very important) many people said there was a need for some kind of rehabilitation assistance. A meeting to discuss ideas for a positive program was called. This committee met several times to work out a program in more detail, to get the support of other neighborhood groups and to take the program to the city for action.

The program is, in summary:

- 1) Voluntary, 2) City-wide, 3) Interest based on the city's borrowing rates, 4) at a fixed rate, 5) with hardship grants 6) Loans for codework only, 7) no tax assessment increases 8) no rent increases, 9) non-compulsory building inspection service 10) compulsory code compliance on all income property 11) an income ceiling to exclude those who can afford commercial loans.

The petition and program have been presented to the Mayor's Office and a \$50,000 feasibility study has started. The study should focus on funding alternatives, legal problems, and an analysis of the city's housing stock and the people's needs. There

will be a public meeting in early June.

The plan we propose is, of course, open to criticism and change from the neighborhood. If interested, please call Betsy Bernford at 285-5184 and leave your name. We will call you for meetings.

Andy Fahrenwald

COMO NEEDS: MONEY, A MINORITY ORGANIZER, AND A DIRECTOR

COMO, an organization formed to improve the quality of life in the Outer Mission area, will run out of money in five months, unless additional funding can be arranged. Any contribution is tax deductible.

Meanwhile, COMO is looking for a minority organizer for the Bernal Heights area and a new director.

As of August 1, contracts for both founders of COMO - Larry Gordon and Jim Dixon - will expire.

Some recent Block Club victories are: promised street lights at the Eugenia-Winfield stairs, repair of the protective lighting behind the library, stop signs at the Eugenia and Virginia intersection, stop ahead and speed limit signs on Alabama St., as well as a not a through street sign at Waltham.

If there are things that need to be changed in your neighborhood, if you know of a good person for an organizer or director, or if you can help raise money..CALL 648-5605.

Shaunee Power

NEW DEVELOPMENTS...ARE THEY WANTED?

Bernal residents were recently made aware of a plan to construct 11 new single family row houses on the west side of the 100th block of Elsie Street (between Virginia and Esmeralda). These now vacant lots are independently owned.

The proposed developer, the architect, and a representative for the finance company were recent guests of a joint meeting of the NWBH and Winfield-Elsie-Esmeralda block clubs. The resultant decision by concerned members was to fight the development entirely or at least modify it to conform to the character and sensitivity of the surrounding community.

For concern or information contact Charles Bolton at 863-3474 or 824-1771. Sandie Gill

CITY TO COUNTRY...25¢...B.B.C....

B.B.C. means before budget cuts. The cut this time is in the bus service from the city to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, our 100,000 acre neighborhood park. The route cut was #32. Over 20,000 persons rode this bus last summer and the average was 20 passengers per bus, with 96% from San Francisco. The money was cut by the National Park Service. How about a letter to Mayor Moscone; or if you want to get involved in where the busses start from and should go, once we get the money back, the last Public Hearing is Tues. July 13, Fireman's Fund Bldg., California and Presidio. Call if interested: Pat 647-3665.

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We strive for healthful and tastier food, while keeping in mind the needs of the neighborhood. We strive for a cleaner environment by avoiding prepackaged food and asking shoppers to bring their own containers, recycling when possible and not allowing smoking in the store. We strive to attain control over what we are sold to eat and to prevent our food dollars from being used to exploit and degrade food workers or the environment it is taken from. We do this by supporting a cooperative food system that functions without profit, by work and dedication of people involved. We strive to create a surrounding that is pleasant to shop and work in, and allows us all to learn about the nutrition and politics of food and about each other through cooperative work efforts.

This store is the beginning of a sharing community. If we all work for our store, the benefits will come by way of better prices, better quality, fresher foods, a clean and convenient store, getting to know and feel good about our neighbors, and the knowledge that together we can make it work. Little or big jobs, or a commitment of your time; we need any form of support our shoppers are willing to give. All people are welcome at Community Corners. Come to 47 Powers (corner of Coleridge) and look around, shop, play, work, and learn with us. We're open from 10am - 6pm, Monday-Saturday, til 7pm on Friday. See you there!

ANY COMMENTS, THOUGHTS, IDEAS, PHILOSOPHIES, OR MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE??? WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THEM FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE. SEND ANY WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS TO: THE BERNAL JOURNAL/201 VIRGINIA AVENUE S.F. 94110. ARTICLES SHOULD (PREFERABLY) BE TYPED (ELITE) IN 3 INCH COLUMNS, SINGLE SPACED WITH 3 SPACE PARAGRAPH INDENTIONS. THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS JULY 15th. QUESTIONS CALL BILLIE/282-5457.

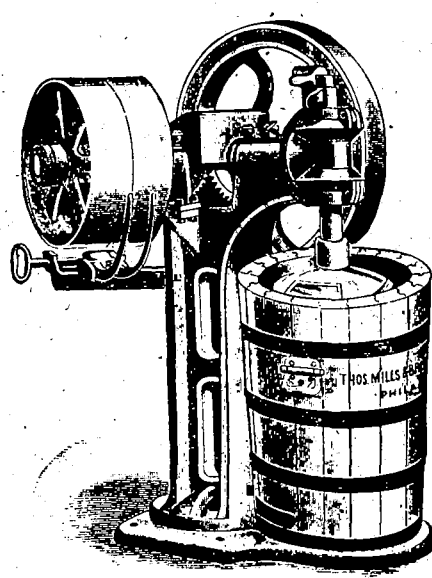
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Schools - The district's schools have been fighting cutbacks in programs and teacher layoffs in the face of lower pupil enrollment. In order not to make these cuts, the Board of Education has cut back on maintenance. School administrators throughout the district say that often broken windows are not repaired, and hazardous conditions on playgrounds are not fixed.

For more information about possible cuts to services in Bernal Heights, or to learn about the budgetary process, call the San Francisco Study Center, 626-1650.

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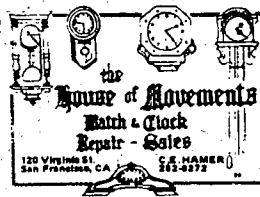
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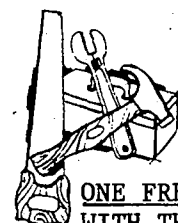
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